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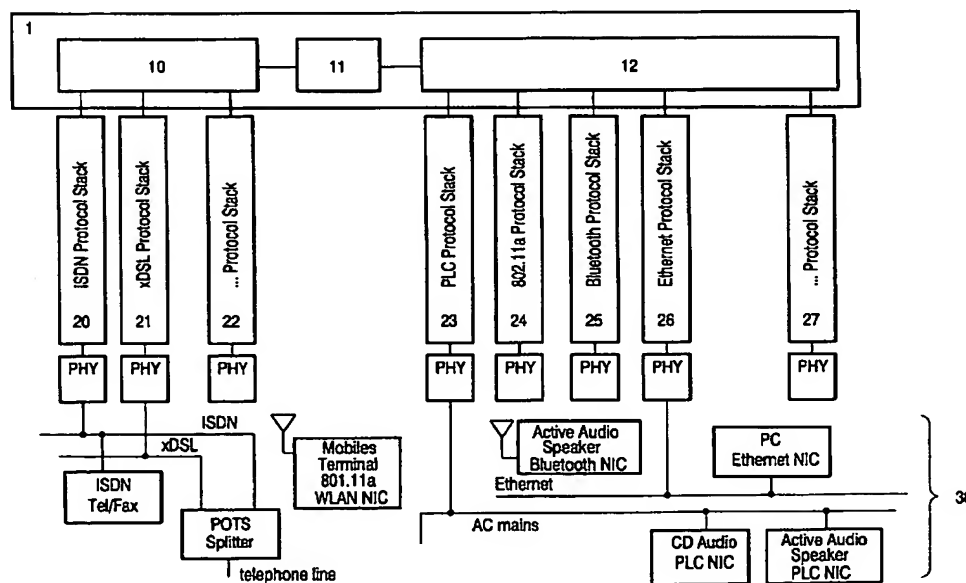
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a coupling module (1) via which communication becomes possible between different electronic appliances of an (in-home) network (30). To this end, the coupling module (1) can be expanded in modular fashion with transmitter and receiver modules (20 - 27), which in each case create a network interface with the electronic appliances, with the associated transmission protocol in each case. The coupling module (1) may preferably independently detect the connected appliances, and pass on incoming information to the particular addressee in the appropriate protocol.



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